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SUBJECT: OPPOSITION DEFENSE SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS ON
DEFENSE AND DISARMAMENT ISSUES

1. CDU/CSU OPPOSITION DEFENSE SPOKESMAN DR. MANFRED
WOERNER, IN A SPEECH DELIVERED JUNE 4 IN EDINBURGH
BEFORE A CONFERENCE OF LEADING WEST EUROPEAN CHRISTIAN
DEMOCRATIC AND CONSERVATIVE POLITICIANS, MADE THE
FOLLOWING POINTS:

DISARMAMENT POLICY

-- SALT IS NOT ONLY A SOVIET-AMERICAN AFFAIR, BUT
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EUROPEAN INTEREST.

-- IT IS DECISIVE THAT EUROPE BE INCLUDED IN THE
GLOBAL BALANCE. THIS MEANS CONCRETELY:

(1) CRUISE MISSILES SHOULD REMAIN OPEN AS A
EUROPEAN OPTION;

(2) THE AMERICANS SHOULD NOT RENOUNCE THEIR
RIGHT TO TRANSFER TECHNOLOGY;

(3) SOVIET IRBM POTENTIAL AND ITS MODERNIZATION
MUST BE CONSIDERED; AND

(4) NO RENUNCIATION OF FIRST USE OF NUCLEAR
WEAPONS.

-- HOLD TO THE GOALS OF PARITY AND A LESSENING OF
THE DANGER OF A SURPRISE ATTACK IN MBFR.
NATIONAL CEILINGS MAY NOT BE AGREED TO. MAKE
IT CLEAR TO THE SOVIETS THAT THE WEST IS NOT
UNDER PRESSURE TO GIVE IN.

DEFENSE POLICY

-- THE PRESENT SITUATION IS CHARACTERIZED BY A
SUBSTANTIAL CONVENTIONAL WARSAW PACT SUPERIOR-
ITY THROUGH A BALANCE IN THE TACTICAL NUCLEAR
FIELD, THROUGH ABSOLUTE SOVIET SUPERIORITY IN
IRBM'S, AND THROUGH PARITY IN THE STRATEGIC
NUCLEAR FIELD.

-- THERE IS NO ALTERNATIVE TO FLEXIBLE RESPONSE
AND IT IS STILL RIGHT TODAY.

-- THE EUROPEAN NATO STATES MUST MAKE APPROPRIATE
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STRENGTHENING CONVENTIONAL DEFENSE.

-- THERE IS A DANGER IN AMERICAN EFFORTS TO
DECOUPLE ATOMIC FROM CONVENTIONAL WEAPONS AND
DEVELOPMENTS IN THE TACTICAL NUCLEAR FIELD
MUST BE CAREFULLY WATCHED.

-- TACTICAL NUCLEAR POTENTIAL MAY BE MODERNIZED
BUT NOT WEAKENED IN SUBSTANCE.

EASTERN AND DETENTE POLICY

-- PRESIDENT CARTER'S HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN
DESERVES FULL SUPPORT AND THE ANGRY SOVIET
REACTION SHOULD NOT UPSET US. THE SOCIALIST
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INTERNATIONAL'S POLICY THAT THE PRESIDENT'S
COURSE ENDANGERS DETENTE SHOULD BE OPPOSED.

2. COMMENT: WOERNER'S VIEWS ON MBFR ARE WELL KNOWN AND
GENERALLY SUPPORTIVE OF THE FRG'S GOALS OF PARITY AND
COLLECTIVITY IN THE NEGOTIATIONS. HIS REFERENCE TO THE
AVOIDANCE OF NATIONAL CEILINGS IS CONSISTENT WITH THE
OPPOSITION'S RECENT WARNING (BONN 08003 DTG 091731Z
MAY 77) THAT MBFR MUST NOT BECOME A NEGOTIATION ABOUT
THE BUNDESWEHR.

WOERNER'S POINT ABOUT KEEPING THE CRUISE MISSILE
OPTION OPEN FOR THE EUROPEANS ECHOES THE VIEWS OF OTHER
SENIOR FMOD AND FONOFF OFFICIALS WITH WHOM WE HAVE
SPOKEN IN THE PAST (BONN 04427 DTG 111618Z MAR 77). IT

WAS AGAIN VOICED BY ARMS CONTROL COMMISSIONER RUTH TO
THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR IN A BRIEF INFORMAL EXCHANGE
ONLY YESTERDAY. SINCE THIS VIEW IS SHARED BY BOTH GOVERN-
MENT OFFICIALS AND THE OPPOSITION, IT SEEMS CLEAR THAT
THE GERMANS WOULD NOT PERCEIVE A SALT II NON-TRANSFER
CLAUSE PREVENTING THEIR ACQUISITION OF AMERICAN CRUISE
MISSILE TECHNOLOGY TO BE IN THEIR INTEREST.
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